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DAY IS SUCCESS

WITHEYCOMBE MAKES THE ADDRESS

Practically Ready By Ten o'Clock—Spielers Add Life To Grounds.

There can be no other verdict but that the first day of the fifth annual Polk County Fair was a success. First, the fair was ready; second, the day was bright; third, the governor of the state of Oregon made the opening address; fourth, the exhibitors were ready; fifth, there was a good

introductory speech for the fair by Withycombe President I. J. Withycombe of the Polk County Fair Association. He thanked the exhibitors for their cooperation shown to the fair and the board of directors. He also thanked the exhibitors for bringing the exhibits were brought to the fair grounds.

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the depot the horns and sirens of the 20 automobiles gave her welcome. A swan was placed on the front of the car and tiny Miss Willa Ames held the reins in her hands. There were grains and grasses, vegetables and fruits of all kinds, and flowers, on the car. "I had to use a stepladder to get in," said Mrs. Holman.

The little Ford car of Mrs. W. R. Ballantyne with Miss Manette Andrews of Bemidji, Minn., Miss Mildred Berg of Dallas, Mrs. E. H. Carr of Albany and Mrs. Ballantyne as occupants, was prettily decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fenton depended on "Polk County's Best Crop" for their car—and they filled it with children.

Prominent Candidates Visit.
Congressman W. C. Hawley of Salem and Mark Weatherford of Albany, the former republican candidate for renomination to the U. S. House and the latter the democratic nominee for the office, were both visitors in Dallas yesterday. Congressman Hawley returned from Washington last Friday evening and has arranged an extensive itinerary covering all of the first district between now and election time. His talk at the fair grounds last evening was heard by a large audience.

Sacrifices For Band.
Band Leader Harry Keil did a thing for the Dallas band Wednesday which is appreciated by the members and the county fair board. Keil left his harvest field, got into his band suit and came to Dallas long enough to play one piece with the boys at the depot. Then he returned to his work and came back in the evening for the regular concert.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY
TWENTY TEACHERS WILL COMPOSE THIS YEAR'S FACULTY

Expected That Enrollment Will Be Short at Start on Account of Late Prune Picking.

The Dallas public and high schools will open the 1916-17 term of school next Monday. Following the usual custom at the opening of school, the first day will be spent in the assignment of pupils to the correct grades and giving out the book list. The regular school work will start in earnest on Tuesday morning.

Twenty teachers will comprise the faculty of the schools this year. In the grade building Mrs. F. H. Morrison and Miss Nola Coad will have charge of the first grade, Miss Alice Grant and Mrs. Edith Plank the second grade, Miss Georgia Ellis and Mrs. Emma Jost the third grade, Miss Edna Morrison the fourth grade, Miss Alta Savage the fifth grade, Miss Hallie Hart the sixth grade, Mrs. K. N. Wood the seventh grade and Miss Cora Rossiter the eighth grade. Two more teachers are to be supplied to the grades and these will be placed where there is most need for them. In the high school Principal H. H. Dunkleberger will teach mathematics, Miss Gladys Cartwright will be instructor in English, Miss Grant in science and latin, Miss Bess C. Owens in history and German, Miss Fern Parr in domestic science and art, L. O. Chenoweth in manual training and bookkeeping and Superintendent W. L. Ford will have charge of the teachers' training department.

It is expected that the enrollment on the opening day will not be as large as that of last year, due to the late prune season which will hold some of the children out for a week or more. With the conclusion of prune picking, however, they will return to school and during the year it is expected that the enrollment will show the usual increase over previous years as it has done in the past.

The annual teachers' meeting is to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when definite assignments of work are to be made and plans discussed for the year.

Odd Fellows Enlarging Hall.
Work of enlarging and repairing the Dallas I. O. O. F. hall, which has been going on for the past two weeks under Holmes & Grant, contractors, is expected to be completed within the next ten days. Beside the repair work an addition 26 feet square has been made to the building, and this will be finished into one room which is to be used as a banquet hall by the lodge. The lower part of the addition, owned by Dr. McCallon, will be used as a store room by the Webster confectionery.

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MUSTER OUT MONDAY

DATE IS FINALLY SET—TROOPS TO GO HOME.

Dallas Company Expected to Arrive Here in Afternoon—Reception is Planned for Return.

The Dallas company of the Oregon National Guard will arrive home next Monday afternoon or evening, following the muster-out of the Third Oregon Infantry which has been set for 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

The announcement of the muster-out was made Tuesday by Captain Kenneth P. Williams, of the U. S. army, chief mustering officer. It had been expected for the past week that the troops would be released before that time, in fact some of the boys who were Dallas visitors last Sunday were firmly of the belief that the middle of the present week would see the complete release, but on account of the special physical examinations which had to be taken there was a delay of several days.

The troops will form on the parade ground at Chackamas at 9:30 a. m. and following the muster-out the men will be paid. Absentees from the regiment have been ordered to report at camp at that time, except those detained by illness. Following the ceremony the old Oregon, as such, will cease to exist and those who have not volunteered for service in the new regiment to be formed under the new army regulations, will be free from further military duty. All of the members of the Dallas company have signed up under the new law, which provides for six years' service.

A public meeting of the Patriotic League has been called for Monday afternoon at three at the armory to discuss plans for the reception of the officers and members of Company L.

The Dallas G. A. R. and auxiliary and the Boy Scouts have announced that they would meet the incoming train and escort Company L.

IDENTIFY REMAINS OF BODY.
Dental Work Proves Conclusively Dead Man Was E. V. Springer.

Dental work identified by Dr. Mark Skiff of Salem as that done by him on Ervin V. Springer of Salem early in 1915 formed the last chain in the identification of the body found on the McLemon ranch, Williamson river bank, in Polk county last week. Peter Springer, father of the missing man, first said the bits of clothing resembled that worn by his son when he disappeared. Springer was formerly secretary of the Marion hotel and keys found beside his skeleton fitted Marion hotel doors. The remains were buried in Salem today. Rumors going the rounds of Salem are to the effect that Springer was murdered. Even a name has been mentioned as that of the murderer.

Polk Loses Two More Bucks.
U. S. Grant on Monday shipped one Angora buck to Wilfred B. Turner, Carlsbad, Texas, and one to Hollis Anderson, Fort Jones, Calif.

LUMBER PLANT IS SOLD
COBBS-MITCHELL INTERESTS BUY FALLS CITY PLANT.

Will Resume Operations as Soon as Possible—Repairing to Start Immediately—Statement Is Made

A deed from the Falls City Lumber company to the Cobbs-Mitchell interests for the mill and property at Falls City was filed with the county clerk yesterday. A release for the bonds of the Falls City Lumber company held by the Michigan Trust company was also filed. The new corporation which will operate will be known as the Falls City Lumber and Logging company. The papers were filed by C. L. Starr for the new company.

The Cobbs-Mitchell interests are the owners of 30,000 acres of timber lands around Dallas and also are owners of the Valley & Siletz and the Teal Creek railroads.

Mr. Starr said yesterday that repairs to the old mill would begin immediately and that operations would probably be resumed as soon as the repairs were made. "However," said Mr. Starr, "the 'when' of the resumption and the 'how much' will depend on business conditions."

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BABY CONTEST PLEASURES

PHILLIP HAYTER BEST BOY; ELIZABETH THIERS, GIRL.

Doctors Say Average Score is High Brand Babies as Folk's Best Crop.

In Polk county's best crop Philip Hayter is the champion boy. Elizabeth Thais Thiers outranks all the girls. Philips score is 99.5; Elizabeth's, 99. So the judges decided yesterday afternoon after finishing two days of examination of Polk's babies. The bronze championship medals will be awarded to Philip and Elizabeth. Besides the medals Philip won the prize of one dozen, eight dollar photographs offered by C. B. Stone; Elizabeth won the offer made by Carl Manock. Mr. Manock has not announced what his offer is.

In the first division, 21 entries, from one to two years, the highest girl was Elizabeth Thais Thiers, 99; the highest boy was Ralph Paul Finseth, 98.2. In the second division, 12 entries, from two to three years, the best girl was Rachel Uglov, 98.9; the best boy, Ray Weston, Falls City, 90.7. In the third division, three to four, eight entries, the highest girl was Margaret Ruth Thiers, 98.2; the highest boy, Phillip Hayter, 99.5. To these children Better Babies diplomas were awarded.

Ranking regardless of sex in the various divisions the results were: first division, Elizabeth Thais Thiers, 99; Ralph Paul Finseth, 98.2; second division, Rachel Uglov, 98.9; Catherine Rachel Hawkins, 98.2; third division, Phillip Hayter, 99.5; Margaret Ruth Thiers, 98.9; see 'ond.

To all the babies entered the following Better Babies certificate will be issued:

This is to certify that _____ has been duly examined for physical and mental development according to the better babies standard score card under competent physicians and has attained an average score of _____ per centum in testimony, whereof the editor of the Woman's Home Companion affixes the Better Babies seal.

Fall Term of Circuit Court.
The fall term of the circuit court will convene on Monday, October 2. The first day of court will be devoted to naturalization proceedings, during which the applications of several Polk county citizens will be considered for the granting of final certificates of citizenship. Sheriff Orr will summon the jurors within a few days, thirty of which will be impaneled and from this number a grand jury of twelve will be chosen. The docket this fall will be quite heavy and the sessions, at which Circuit Judge H. H. Belt will preside, will extend over several days. Polk and Yamhill counties comprise the 12th judicial district and the circuit court convenes at Dallas on the first Monday in October and at McMinnville on the second Monday in November, for the fall sessions.

TURNING OUT EVEN BETTER THAN WAS EXPECTED.
Fruit is Large and Sweet and Weather Has Been Favorable for the Orchard Men.

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larger in numerous cases, than was estimated a short time ago. Dr. Mark Hayter expects to turn out 60 tons, the Chapman orchard will have a like amount, the Dickinson orchards will produce 30 tons, Elliott ranch 35 tons, and the H. L. Crider orchard between 60 and 70 tons. These returns from just a few of the orchards give a good idea of what prunes are really doing, and with the present price of 6¢, the prune grower is certainly "in clover" this year.

The Arnsby packing plant, which will handle most of the local crop, will start to pack on Monday, October 2. The run this year is expected to be somewhere between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 pounds.

Southern Pacific Widens Grade.
The dangerous curve on the Falls City branch of the Southern Pacific has been widened so that trains now approaching it can be seen for a considerable distance. A steam shovel crew, which has been on the job there for some time, cutting off the hillside so as to shorten the curve, has just moved away. The curve is located about midway between Dallas and Falls City.

Aske Raise in R. R. Assessment.
Through his attorney, L. D. Brown, S. H. McElmurry, a farmer residing south of Independence, has petitioned the board of equalization to increase the assessment on the property of the Valley & Siletz railway company.

Teachers Get Certificates.
Among the local teachers who have gained professional certificates from the state superintendent of public instruction's office through extension reading are Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Miss Edna Morrison and Miss Alice Grant.

BRIDGE SUPPORTS SINK
INDEPENDENCE STRUCTURE IS PROBABLY TOTAL WRECK.

Collapse Occurs Wednesday Morning When False Work Removed. Cause Not Definitely Known.

The Independence bridge collapsed when the false work was removed Wednesday morning. It is thought the structure is entirely wrecked. No one was injured. Several causes have been given for the accident: a "long hole" or pocket in the pier, caused by the failure of the cement to reach the bottom; poor cement; or improper mixing.

When seen in Dallas yesterday County Commissioner Beckett answered the following questions:

"Has the county any recourse?"
"We are not sure."
"Were the contractors held by a bond?"
"There was no bond on the bridge. There was a bond on the fill. We expected to hold back enough on the fill to insure the bridge."

The records show that Tobin and Stevens, contractors, have been paid for the bridge with the exception of about \$715. That much has been held back.

Sheriff's Office Busy.
Not in recent years has the county sheriff's office been as busy as it is at the present time. Sheriff Orr is kept on the road practically from one week's end to the other serving papers such as summons, notices, attachments, etc., some days covering 150 miles in his auto. He is averaging close to 2000 miles each month during the harvest season. In the office Deputies Hooker and Richter are kept busy with the tax rolls, and they have written as high as a hundred tax receipts in a single day. The taxes become delinquent on October 5th.

Writes About Le Mars College.
D. M. Metzger, formerly of the Dallas college, writes to The Observer from Le Mars, Iowa, where he is an instructor in the department of English, that the opening of that school showed an increase of 50 per cent in the enrollment this year over last season. "We have some strong accessions to our student body," continues Mr. Metzger, "and our freshman class is by many odds the largest in the history of the school."

Business Improving.
Local merchants report that business conditions are improving, and look for a better fall season than has prevailed here for several years. The close of the hop picking and grain threshing season is responsible for some increase in business and when the prunes are all picked there will be a still more noticeable activity.

Farmers Fear Salem Bridge.
Spring Valley farmers are hauling their grain to McCoy instead of to Salem as in other years. The bad condition of the Salem bridge causes the farmers to unload at the bridge and this, coupled with the better prices at McCoy, has persuaded the ranchers in favor of McCoy. Among the men who are selling at McCoy are W. H. Barker, R. H. Scott, Harry Cooley and F. T. Nash. The road from Spring Valley to McCoy is in very good condition.

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Charlie Leonard of Monmouth, who is caring for a broken hip received in a fall in Monmouth last week, is improving. Mr. Leonard is at the Dallas hospital.

CHERRIANS VISIT FAIR

SALEM MARCHING MEN BRING FELLOWSHIP GREETING.

Organization's Crack Band Plays. Visitors Drill During Street Parade and at Grounds.

Drop the "ians" and one "r." Make it double "e" and add a "y." That's what the Salem Cherrians are, a cheery bunch of good fellows who know how to be neighborly.

It was Cherrians' day at the county fair Wednesday afternoon and the navy white uniforms of the men of the capital city's marching organization were conspicuous. The crack Cherrian band played.

The Cherrian special arrived in Dallas about 1:15. Though automobiles were waiting to carry the men and women in the party to the fair grounds the Cherrians said they would rather walk. After the informal greetings extended at the station by President Patterson of the fair and Mayor Kirkpatrick of the city a parade was formed.

At the head was "Doc" Epley, the Salem dentist, who came, saw, and took the heavyweight honors away from our own "Doc" Starbuck. "Doc" Epley is drum major of the Cherrian band. Then the band, the marching Cherrians, President Patterson and W. V. Fuller in the Fuller automobile, Mrs. Fred Holman driving her beautifully decorated machine with tiny Miss Willa Ames, as a guest, and the decorated R. W. Ballantyne car followed. After the Ballantyne car was the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fenton with a crowd of children. On the machine's sides were banners with the following "Product." Then came a string of inscription, "Polk County's Best automobiles carrying the women of the Cherrian party. The route of the parade was north on Church to Court, east on Court to Main, north on Main to Mill and return to Court, west on Main via Hayter and Washington streets and Fairview avenue to the fair grounds. At the grounds the Cherrians drilled and their band played.

President Patterson introduced Mayor Kirkpatrick, who extended a welcome to the visitors. King Bing Frank G. Deckebach of the Cherrians responded on behalf of the organization. "We come to extend the greeting of good cheer," said King Bing "and the hand of fellowship. We want you to come to see us next week at the state fair, which is for all the people of the state. We come, not alone as the representatives of the city of Salem, but as representatives of the capital of the state. The state has been very good to us and we are trying to return, in a little way, the favors bestowed upon us. Next week we will try to return this very pleasant greeting you have extended to us."

Mayor H. O. White of Salem congratulated the people of Polk for the size and quality of the fair. Ex-Mayor George F. Rogers was called upon for a speech but could not be found. After the speaking Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges of Salem sang two songs.

A group of the Cherrians lived matters up by mounting "Painless" Parker's exhibit automobile and shouting for "Doc" Epley. Incidental automobile trips into the country were given the visitors by Dallas automobile owners.

There are a number of Polk county children who have occasion not to forget the Salem Cherrians' visit. They are the kiddies who rode the merry-go-round Wednesday afternoon at the capital city visitors' expense. The Cherrians chartered the merry-go-round for two rides and then gathered the children together.

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